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SUMMARY: PEKING HAS VOICED STRONG SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK AND
THE " LIBERATION" STRUGGLE IN CAMBODIA ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRINCE' S " LIBERATION FRONT."
END SUMMARY

1. ACTING PRC CHAIRMAN TUNG PI- WU AND PREMIER CHOU EN- LAI SENT
A MESSAGE TO " HEAD OF STATE" PRINCE SIHANOUK AND " PRIME MINISTER"
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PENN NOUTH TO MARK THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL UNITED FRONT OF CAMBODIA (NUFC) AND THE PEOPLES NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMED FORCES OF CAMBODIA (PNLAFC). THE MESSAGE PRAISED THE " VICTORIOUS ADVANCE" OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND PREDICTED THE EARLY DEMISE OF THE LON NOL CLIQUE. IT SAID THAT " WE ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE," GUIDED BY SIHANOUK' S FIVE- POINT DECLARATION OF MARCH 23, 1970, WILL " REALIZE THEIR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS." IN CONCLUDED WITH A PART OF CHAIRMAN MAO' S COMMENT TO MADAME BINH IN JANUARY THAT " WE ARE OF THE SAME FAMILY" AND REAFFIRMED PEKING' S SUPPORT (NCNA MARCH 22).

2. A PEOPLE' S DAILY EDITORIAL (MARCH 23) EXPRESSED SIMILAR CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION. IT ALSO ECHOED SIHANOUK' S STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 27 THAT " THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEMS STEMS FROM THE US INTERVENTION AND AGRESSION" AND CALLED FOR THE END OF US MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA.

3. AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT' S ARTICLE (MARCH 22) LISTED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RGNUC AND THE NUFC IN THE PAST YEAR, BOTH IN FIGHTING AND IN MANAGING THE " LIBERATED" AREAS. IT CLAIMED THAT " INCESSANT ATTACKS" HAVE MADE PHNOM PENH AN " ISOLATED CITY" AND IT SAID THAT THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO " SMASH THE ' CEASEFIRE," ' PEACE,' AND ' NATIONAL CONCORD' FRAUDS OF THE LON NOL CLIQUE AND CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE."

4. COMMENT: THESE AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS KEEP PEKING IN STEP WITH THE UNCOMPROMISING STAND WHICH HAS TYPIFIED THE PRONOUNCEMENTS BY SIHANOUK AND HIS " MINISTERS" SINCE THE PRINCE' S VISIT TO HANOI IN FEBRUARY. ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE COMMENTS DO NOT ENDORSE THE FIVE POINT STATEMENT AS THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT, THEY SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THAT STATEMENT AND STRONGLY IMPLY THAT PEKING EXPECTS THE LIBERATION FORCES TO SCORE FURTHER GAINS IN THE FIGHTING.
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